

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

CHRISTOPHE BENSMAINE,  
Plaintiff  
-against-

CITY OF NEW YORK, et al.,  
  
Defendants

CIVIL ACTION NO. 21 Civ. 4816  
(JLR)(SLC)

**CONFIDENTIALITY ORDER**

**WHEREAS**, parties in the action set forth below will be required to produce certain documents and information that they may deem to be confidential or otherwise inappropriate for public disclosure; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties seek to ensure that the confidentiality of these documents and information remain protected; and

**WHEREAS**, good cause therefore exists for the entry of an order pursuant to Rule 26(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure;

**THE COURT HEREBY ORDERS THAT:**

1. “Confidential Materials” shall mean any portion of documents that contains non-public business, commercial, financial, or personal information, the public disclosure of which is either restricted by law or would likely, in the good faith opinion of the producing person, seriously harm the producing person’s business, commercial, financial, or personal interests or cause the producing person to violate his, her, or its privacy or confidentiality obligations to others, including but not limited to: (a) home addresses, non-business phone numbers, or personal e-mail addresses contained in New York City Police Department (“NYPD”) records; (b) plaintiffs’ and witness’

medical records; and (c) records related to plaintiffs' sealed arrests that were not related to the incident(s) underlying the Complaints. Documents shall not be designated "Confidential Materials" to the extent that they relate to the incident(s) underlying the Complaints in the Actions or are otherwise publicly available. Where the confidential portion is reasonably separable from the non-confidential portion, via redaction or otherwise, only the confidential portion shall be so designated.

2. As used herein, "Producing Party" shall mean the party requesting that a particular document or the information contained therein be deemed confidential, and "Receiving Party" shall mean any party in the Actions who is not the "Producing Party," as defined herein, for that document or information.

3. A Receiving Party and that party's attorneys shall not use Confidential Materials produced in discovery in the Actions for any purpose other than the evaluation, preparation, presentation or settlement of claims or defenses in the Action.

4. Attorneys for a Receiving Party shall not disclose the Confidential Materials to any person other than a party, an attorney of record for that party, or any member of the staff of that attorney's office, except under the following conditions:

- a. Disclosure may be made for the purpose of preparing or presenting a party's claims or defenses in the Actions.
- b. Disclosure may also be made to an expert or consultant who has been retained or specially employed by a party's attorneys in anticipation of litigation or preparation for trial of the Actions, to a witness at a deposition or in preparation for testimony at a deposition or trial, or to the Court.
- c. Defendants' attorneys may also disclose the Confidential Materials to the New York City Police Department, the New York City Comptroller's Office, and the New York City Mayor's Office, only as necessary to the defense or settlement of these

Actions.

d. Before any disclosure is made to a person listed in subparagraphs (b) or (c) above (other than to the Court or to a witness at a deposition), the Receiving Party's attorney shall provide each such person with a copy of this Confidentiality Order, and such person shall consent in writing, in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit A, not to use the Confidential Materials for any purpose other than in connection with the prosecution, defense, or settlement of the Actions and not to make further disclosure of the Confidential Materials, except in testimony taken in the Actions. The attorneys for a Receiving Party making such disclosure shall retain the signed consent and furnish a copy to the Producing Party's attorney upon request at a deposition or immediately before trial, although the name of an expert that the Receiving Party does not intend to call as a trial witness may be redacted from such a consent before it is produced.

e. Disclosure of medical records deemed "Confidential" under this Confidentiality Order may also be made to any individual who provided the treatment described in the records or to a member of the staff of the hospital, doctor's office, or medical provider where the treatment was rendered.

5. The Producing Party or its counsel may designate deposition exhibits or portions of deposition transcripts as Confidential either by: (a) indicating on the record during the deposition that a question relates to Confidential Materials, in which event the reporter will bind the transcript of the designated testimony in a separate volume and mark it as "Confidential Information Governed by Confidentiality Order;" or (b) notifying the reporter and all counsel of record, in writing, within 30 days after a deposition has concluded, of the specific pages and lines of the transcript that are to be designated "Confidential," in which event all counsel receiving the transcript will be responsible for marking the copies of the designated transcript in their possession or under their control as

directed by the Producing Party or that party's counsel.

6. If a Receiving Party objects to the designation of any Confidential Materials as confidential, he or she shall state such objection in writing to counsel for the Producing Party, and counsel shall in good faith attempt to resolve such conflict. If the conflict cannot be resolved among counsel, the objecting party shall, within 45 days of the initial objection, request the Court to remove the designation in accordance with the Court's Individual Practices. Any such materials or information shall be treated as Confidential until the parties resolve the conflict or the Court issues its ruling regarding the conflict. Each party reserves the right to object to the use or admissibility of Confidential Information. Any party seeking to file papers with the Court that incorporate specific and identifiable content from Confidential Materials or otherwise reveal the contents thereof shall seek permission to file the materials under seal in accordance with the Individual Practices of the judge before whom the filing is being made.

7. No materials shall be filed under seal unless the Court has issued an order approving the filing, in which event the filing shall follow the District Court rules applicable to filing under seal. This provision does not apply to the filing of an expert report, summary of evidence pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 1006, or other similar compilation that used in its preparation documents or information designated Confidential, provided that such filing does not specifically identify content from the underlying documents that is designated Confidential.

8. Nothing in this Confidentiality Order shall be construed to limit a Producing Party's use of its own Confidential Materials in any manner, or to limit the use of Confidential Materials or their contents to the extent that they are publicly available or have been provided to a party through other lawful means, such as a FOIL request.

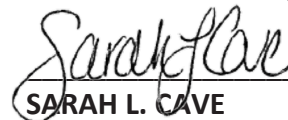
9. This Confidentiality Order will survive the termination of the Actions and will continue to be binding upon all persons to whom Confidential Materials are produced or

disclosed. All documents or information that have been deemed confidential pursuant to this order, including all copies and non-conforming copies thereof, shall remain confidential for all time. Once the Actions have been resolved, including all appeals, the Confidential Materials, including all copies and non-conforming copies thereof, shall not be used by the Receiving Party for any purpose without prior Court approval.

10. The Court will retain jurisdiction over all persons subject to this Confidentiality Order to the extent necessary to enforce any obligations arising hereunder or to impose sanctions for any contempt thereof. Additionally, the Court reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to modify this Confidentiality Order at any time.

Dated: New York, New York

SO ORDERED. 11/23/2022

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sarah L. Cave", written over a horizontal line.

SARAH L. CAVE

United States Magistrate Judge

**EXHIBIT A**

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that (s)he has read the Confidentiality Order issued in *Bensmaine v. City of New York, et al.*, 21 Civ. 4816 (JLR)(SLC).

The undersigned understands the terms of said Confidentiality Order and agrees not to use the Confidential Materials defined therein for any purpose other than as permitted by the Confidentiality Order and will not further disclose the Confidential Materials except in testimony taken in this case.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_